

Riverwood,
Vicinity of Nashville, Tenn.

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RIVERWOOD

End of Porter Road, Vicinity of Nashville, Tenn.

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4.Physical Data

Present Owner: Mrs. Lucius E. Burch.

Present occupant and use: Burch home.

Description (present condition)

Wall construction: Brick.

Size and form: Rectangular, rear wing. Number stories: 2 - deck roof.

Front porch: Wood columns. Cornice: Wood.

Interior

Trim: Interesting, should be photographed.

Mantels: " " " "

Stairways: Recent. Plasterwork: Good rosettes, should be photographed.

Outbuildings: Smokehouse.

Historical Data

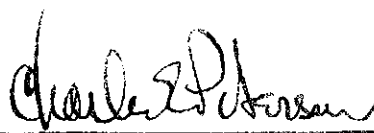
Year of erection: 1799; 1850, present front by Strickland (according to owner).

Built for (first owner): Alexander James Porter.

Notable events and occupants: "After the death of James Armstrong Porter (son of Alexander James Porter), in 1853, his only child, Alexander Porter, bought the interest of the other heirs, and moved with his family to the farm, where he lived until 1853, when he sold the place to Judge William Cooper. After Judge Cooper's death the place passed to his brother, Colonel Duncan B. Cooper, and from him to his daughter and son-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. Lucius E. Burch."*

*Reference: History of Homes and Gardens of Tennessee, compiled by The Garden Study Club of Nashville, Mrs. John Trotwood Moore collaborating. Ed. by Roberta Seawell Brandau. (The Parthenon Press, Nashville, 1936.) p. 147.

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